



# THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

## WATER RESOURCES COMMISSION

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The Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs and the Massachusetts Water Resources Commission (WRC) announce the release of a draft for public review and comment of the

### **Policy for Developing Water Needs Forecasts for Public Water Suppliers and Methodology for Implementation**

The document will be available for review on the WRC website,  
<http://www.mass.gov/envir/mwrc/default.htm>

This policy updates and combines the WRC policy on developing water needs forecasts for public water suppliers dated February 2001 and the forecasting methodology approved by the WRC in 1991. The WRC technical staff at the Department of Conservation and Recreation work with communities to develop forecasts of water supply needs which can be used in long-term water supply planning and for submission to MassDEP under the Water Management Act. This draft document provides the policy and methodology for developing those forecasts.

Three public meetings will be held to answer questions, and take comments on this document at the following locations and dates:

- 1) May 8, 2007 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.  
Meeting Room 2C, 100 Cambridge Street, Second Floor, Boston
- 2) May 8, 2007 from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
Department of Environmental Protection, Southeast Region Main Office  
20 Riverside Drive, Lakeville, MA
- 3) May 9, 2007 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.  
Department of Environmental Protection, Central Region Office  
627 Main Street, Worcester, Massachusetts

In addition, the draft Policy and Methodology will be presented at the Water Resources Commission meeting on May 10, 2007 at 100 Cambridge Street, Boston. This is a public meeting at which 45 minutes will be allocated for additional discussion and comments on the document. It is expected that the Commission will vote on the document at its meeting on June 14, 2007.

WRC staff will be accepting public comments postmarked by May 21, 2007. Please mail or e-mail all comments or address any questions to:

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